

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the method comprising: presenting with a form for entering information about a risk management unit; receiving the information about the risk management unit; wherein the form provides the user with entry areas for ~~every element~~ elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme; wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme; wherein said entry areas for elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme include at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk, a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk, what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action.
2. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising: generating a report in a standardized format based on the information about the risk.
3. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the risk management unit is one of an assumption, a risk, an issue, and a risk plan.

4. (currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the risk management scheme is an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein an "A" is ascribed to a risk over which management can exercise much control, a "B" is ascribed to a risk which is mainly under control, a "C" is ascribed to a risk that is mainly outside control, and a "D" is ascribed to a risk that is out of control.

5. (original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.

6. (currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the computer program product comprising: first instructions for presenting with a form for entering information about a risk management unit; second instructions for receiving the information about the risk management unit; wherein the form provides the user with entry areas for ~~every element~~ elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme; wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme; wherein said entry areas for elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme include at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk, a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk, what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action.

7. (original) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, further comprising: third instructions for generating a report in a standardized format based on the information about the risk.

8. (original) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the risk management unit is one of an assumption, a risk, an issue, and a risk plan.

9. (currently amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the risk management scheme is an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein an "A" is ascribed to a risk over which management can exercise much control, a "B" is ascribed to a risk which is mainly under control, a "C" is ascribed to a risk that is mainly outside control, and a "D" is ascribed to a risk that is out of control.

10. (original) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.

11. (currently amended) A system for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the system comprising: first means for presenting with a form for entering information about a risk management unit; second means for receiving the information about the risk management unit; wherein the form provides the user with entry areas for ~~every~~ element-elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme; wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme; wherein said entry areas for elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme include at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk, a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk, what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action.

12. (original) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising: third means for generating a report in a standardized format based on the information about the risk.

13. (original) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the risk management unit is one of an assumption, a risk, an issue, and a risk plan.

14. (currently amended) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the risk management scheme is an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein an “A” is ascribed to a risk over which management can exercise much control, a “B” is ascribed to a risk that is mainly under control, a “C” is ascribed to a risk that is mainly outside control, and a “D” is ascribed to a risk that is out of control.

15. (original) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the wherein the user is hindered from exiting the form prior to supplying all information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.